

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system for securing a card installed within a computer system, the card including a bracket for providing the card with an interface to an external device, the system comprising:

a computer chassis with at least one slot opening and a window above the slot opening, the slot opening corresponding to an interface for a card to be installed into the computer system, the chassis ~~further~~ having a locating plate extending therefrom along at least a portion of an edge of the window, the chassis further having an opening in a bottom surface thereof, where the bottom surface and the window lie in intersecting planes; and

a clamp configured to fit over the window of the chassis and press against an extension of the bracket of the card,

wherein the system is configured so that when the card is installed in the computer system, an extension of the bracket of the card protrudes through the window of the chassis, ~~and~~ the clamp presses against the extension to secure the card in place between the clamp and the locating plate of the chassis, and a lower end of the bracket extends through the opening in the bottom surface of the chassis.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the clamp includes one or more outward folds that press against and secure the bracket when the card is installed.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the clamp is fastened onto the chassis by one or more fasteners through corresponding holes in the clamp and the chassis.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the fasteners are screws.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the chassis includes a plurality of slot openings, and the window is located above the plurality of slot openings to receive extensions from brackets of cards installed for any of the slot openings.

7. (Currently amended) A system for securing a card installed within a computer system, the card including a bracket for providing the card with an interface to an external device, the system comprising:

a computer chassis with at least one slot opening and a window above the slot opening, the slot opening corresponding to an interface for a card to be installed into the computer system; and

a clamp configured to fit over the window of the chassis and press against an extension of the bracket of the card, wherein when the card is installed in the computer system, an extension of the bracket of the card protrudes through the window of the chassis and the clamp presses against the extension to secure the card in place, and further when the card is installed a lower end of the bracket protrudes from an opening in a bottom surface of the chassis, where the bracket of the card intersects the bottom surface of the chassis when installed.

8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the clamp includes one or more outward folds that press against and secure the bracket when the card is installed.

9. (Previously presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the clamp is fastened onto the chassis by one or more fasteners through corresponding holes in the clamp and the chassis.

10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the fasteners are screws.

11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the chassis includes a plurality of slot openings, and the window is located above the plurality of slot openings to receive extensions from brackets of cards installed for any of the slot openings.